

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PRESS RELEASE

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GEORGIA DOT ANNOUNCES PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES FOR I-85

COWETA COUNTY, GA. - Contractors for the Georgia Department of Transportation are performing major reconstruction of Interstate 85 at different locations between mile marker 34 (near Exit 35/SR 14/US 29) and mile marker 48 (near Exit 47/SR 34). To ensure motorists and contractor safety, this work will warrant lane closures and traffic shifts along this section of I-85, which could cause delays.

Georgia DOT reports the following construction activities are tentatively planned for the period of Sunday, November 8 through Friday, November 13:

- **INTERSTATE 85 NORTHBOUND:** Various lane closures will be in place between mile markers 33 and 48 during daytime hours, Monday, November 9 through Wednesday, November 11.
- **INTERSTATE 85 SOUTHBOUND**: A single lane closure will be in place between mile markers 48 and 34 during daytime hours, Monday, November 9 through Thursday, November 12.
- STATE ROUTE 34 (EXIT 47) AT I-85 EAST AND WESTBOUND: One right and one left lane will be closed with one remaining open in both directions from 7 p.m. until 5 a.m., beginning Sunday, November 8 through Friday, November 13.

Details will be provided by message boards throughout the corridor.

The Georgia DOT notes that the above construction schedules are proposed activities planned by the contractors and may change due to weather conditions or other factors.

As in any work zone, motorists are reminded to pay special attention to traffic control devices, signs and posted speed limits to ensure safe passage through the work zone.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

The Georgia Department of Transportation is committed to providing a safe, seamless and sustainable transportation system that supports Georgia's economy and is sensitive to both its citizens and its environment. Additional transportation revenues are imperative to grow and sustain Georgia's economic vitality and quality of life through the 21st Century. Georgia is the 3rd fastest-growing state in the nation, yet 49th in per capita spending on transportation. For general information on the Georgia DOT, please visit our Web site (www.dot.ga.gov).

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